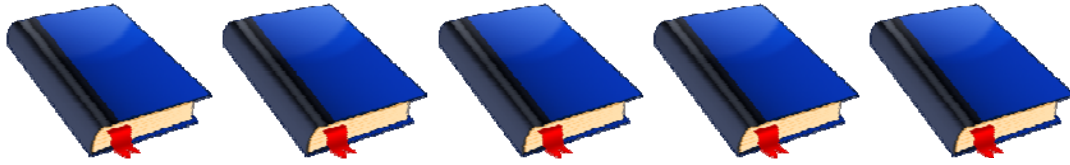


Summer Reading List for AP Literature



Welcome to the wonderful world of literature! In order to prepare for AP Literature class, the AP exam, and for your future college literature classes, AP Literature students will be required to read two books independently this summer in preparation for this course. Please purchase your own copies and annotate them during the reading process.

Due: **Aug. 12, 2011**

All incoming AP Seniors are required to read and keep a dialectical journal on the following work:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster

A dialectical journal is another name for a double-entry journal or a reader-response journal. A dialectical journal is a journal that records a dialogue, or conversation, between the ideas in the text (the words that you are reading) and the ideas of the reader (the person who is doing the reading). This is what you must do in your journal—keep a dialogue with yourself. In your journal, have a conversation with the text and with yourself. Write down your thoughts, questions, insights, and ideas while you read. Use quotes from the work as springboards for your thoughts, ideas, and reflections. You should have at least 25 quotes and responses—executed by word processor, please.

Please choose from among the following to read also:

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut

Your first timed writing will be to write about an aspect of the novel you choose, so be sure to annotate and read closely. Bring both works and your journal entries to class on August 12, 2011. These four are great summer readings!

